

UPSET DROPS EL CAMINO FROM LOOP LEAD Tartars Trample Leuzinger, Shoot For Fourth Place

Bakersfield Bumps Warriors In Fourth Quarter Outburst

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The El Camino basketball squad took a short trip up to Bakersfield Thursday night, but it was a long, long trip back. Sparked by Ralph Barkley, the Bakersfield Renegades let loose with a shocking 73-69 upset which sent the Warriors tumbling from a first place tie in the Metropolitan League to second place.

Long Beach usurped first place from the Warriors by dumping Harbor. That means that Tuesday's clash between El Camino and Long Beach in the sea city will be more crucial than ever for the locals. Prior to the Bakersfield loss, the Warriors had to win the LBCC game to take the Metro crown. Now they have to win it to stay in the running. A Warrior win would throw them back into a tie for first.

El Camino is the only Metro team that has taken Long Beach this season and you can bet your bottom casaba that they'll be out to repeat. Game time is 8 p.m. in the Long Beach gym and a goodly crowd will be there.

At Bakersfield
After leading for three quarters, the El Camino cagers saw Bakersfield score 21 points in the final period, as a highly partisan Renegade crowd went wild. The most the Warriors could salvage out of the hard pressing fourth frame was a mere 16 points, five less than the hosts, who won by four.

Where were the Warriors' two great scorers, Herring and Barron? They were there and playing, all right, and combined to grind out 43 digits. Herring got 23 while "Billy Boy" hit for 20, but the two fancy scorers couldn't outdo Bakersfield men Barkley, Brown, Holliday and Russell who totaled 55 markers.

Take Early Buze
The Elcans sped off to a seven-point first quarter lead,

Grads of Little League in Lap Of Luxury Here

Boys who have been "washed out" of the Little League because of old age (13 or over) will be well taken care of in Torrance this season.

Thus far, two groups have formed to sponsor leagues for boys in the 13-15 age bracket. The latest plan will be aired publicly at a "Babe Ruth League" meeting to be held Thursday, Feb. 18, at 8 p.m. in the YMCA.

The Torrance Moose also have offered to sponsor a teen-age hardball or softball league under the supervision of the Recreation Department.

A working committee, headed by Bill Denary, which was formed to investigate various boys' baseball leagues, will present its findings to the public Thursday. Interested parents and others are invited to attend.

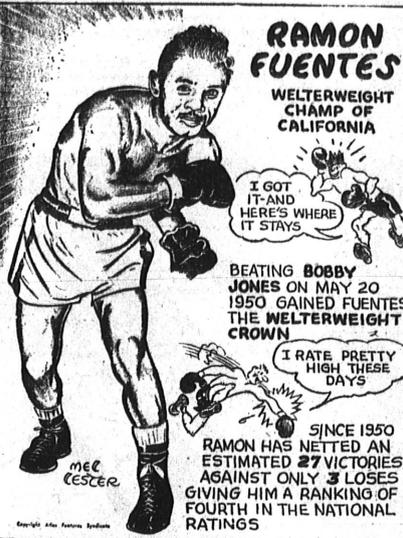
The committee plans to work with the City Recreation Department in forming a baseball league for boys from 13 to 15 years old. A league will definitely be formed this year, committee spokesmen said.

Last year, the Torrance Recreation Department sponsored a "Pony League" for boys in the 13-15 age bracket. This league probably will be consolidated with the "Babe Ruth" league this season, in order to avoid competition.

IMPERIAL LINE
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Warriors to Meet Compton J.C. in Baseball Opener

Baseball will share the athletic spotlight at El Camino this week as the El Camino horse-hiders open their 1954 campaign against the Compton Junior College Tartars at the ECC diamond on Tuesday afternoon.

Coach Doug Essick welcomed nine veterans from last year's team including six lettermen. Among the returnees are Ron Cruger who is both a second baseman and pitcher; Tom Edwards catcher and Ralph Wilkerson pitcher. Three members of last year's team are currently playing basketball on the college team and are expected to return to action as soon as the casaba season is over. Allen Herring, outfielder and reliever pitcher, Ron Heusser, infielder, and Johnny Nethercott, center fielder, are the cagers.

Three games are on tap for next week. Compton on Tuesday, Los Angeles City College on Thursday at City College and Compton at Compton on Friday afternoon. All games are scheduled for 3 p.m.

Idaho Lauds Dick Carrow

Torrance's Dick Carrow, the smallest man (5 ft. 6 in.) in Northwest Conference basketball, is second only to the great R. C. Owens of Santa Monica in the College of Idaho scoring parade, according to a release from Caldwell, Idaho.

Carrow has an average of 13.5 points per game and is hitting at about a 500 clip from way out. A starting guard, he drew conference honorable mention last season.

National Pastime Loses Face Here

The first practice game of the season for the Torrance High School baseball team will not only be the first practice game, it will be the first time this year that the Tartars will have a chance to sink their spikes into a real baseball diamond.

The game will be held Tuesday at Paramount High School. The JV game, originally scheduled to be held there, has been cancelled so that the varsity might have somewhere to play.

The reason for all this is that Torrance High School does not have a baseball diamond. And the City of Torrance does not have a baseball diamond, either, and will not have one until Torrance Park is refurbished. Hopes are high to have a new ballpark built at the ballpark by March.

But until then, the Tartar diamondmen will be shuttled from pillar to post. In fact, it's a crying shame that the National Pastime is taking such a beating at the local high school.

Uses Girls Field
Lacking a diamond, Coach Dick Leach took his charges to the girls softball field to open practice on Feb. 1. This was a bit cramped, but it sufficed. Now, this field has been covered with manure for some odd reason—probably to make the grass grow tall. So the THIS baseball team has been shoved

into a corner of the football field, which they are sharing with the track team and which they use to play catch on, since the area is a bit small for in-field or batting practice.

In two weeks of practice, the team has managed to take hitting sessions twice and has held no in-field workouts. So Tuesday's game should be an interesting one, all things considered.

Even though the team is not yet at full strength, because some athletes are still playing basketball, Coach Leach's starting lineup for the Paramount game shows potential.

Oloque Back
Back from a siege with studies is Manny Oloque, freshman pitcher phenom, who has switched to catcher this year. He's batting fifth behind cleanup man Burt Smith, who can smite that pill with the best of them.

Jim Moulton at second base and Jim Haworth at short give the Tartars a fast, capable key-stone combo. Gary Hakanson, the crafty southpaw, will probably get the call to start on the hill. He's backed by Tom Mills.

Centerfielder Walt McHenry has not been able to join the team as yet because of illness.

STARTING LINEUP
In order of appearance:
Jim Haworth, ss; Jim Moulton, 2b; Butch Hazel, 1b; Burt Smith, lf; Manuel Oloque, c; Dave Drazkowski, cf; Sherwood Tiernan, 3b; Carlos Skaggs, rf; Gary Hakanson, p; Tom Mills, p.

LARGEST STATE
New York has been the most populous state in the Union since 1820, and now has about 10 per cent of the United States people although 29th in land area.

In the Wednesday League, Allen's toyed with the Torrance Teachers to the tune of a torrid 70-31. Ivan Keyes and Ron Chambers totaled 16 each for the Burgers.

In other games, the Harbor Hornets lost a heartbreaker to Al's Knolls Drugs 48-47 in a nip-and-tuck fray and the Redondo Eagles held second place by shaving Banner Drugs 48-44. Bob Kulp led the Knolls team with 13, Robert Rucker paced Harbor with 13, Martin Dietrich helped the Eagles with 15 and Bob Weiss racked 14 for Banner.

Harvey Canteen roused City Workers 62-29 and Treskes Men's Shop forfeited to Linch Auto Sales in other encounters.

TUESDAY LEAGUE	
Team	W L
Fenwick's Shoes	6 0
Redondo Eagles	5 1
Banner Drugs	3 3
Linch Motor Sales	3 3
Big Five	1 5
Treskes Men's Shop	0 6
WEDNESDAY LEAGUE	
Team	W L
Allen's Burgers	6 0
Harvey Canteen	4 2
Al's Knolls Drugs	4 2
Torrance Teachers	2 4
Local No. 1135	1 5
Harbor Hornets	1 5

Tartars Trample Leuzinger, Shoot For Fourth Place

Torrance will fight it out with Redondo for fourth place in the Bay League Tuesday on the Seahawk floor, time—4:15 p.m.

The Tartars earned a tie for fourth with Redondo by trampling Leuzinger into the dust Thursday afternoon by a 56-30 count. The Tuesday fray looms as a natural. In their last outing, Torrance beat Redondo for the first time since 1949. Redondo is the only team, besides Leuzinger, that the Tartars have been able to subdue in league play. The Shabawks have beaten Inglewood, the only team which has topped Santa Monica this year (they did it Thursday).

Ruffell Shines
A surprise feature of the Leuzinger victory turned out to be none other than Dangerous Dave Ruffell, who got the starting call at center and vindicated Coach Rex Welch's choice by ranning 11 points. This equalled the point output of any combination of center used by the Tartars thus far this year and set an individual center's scoring mark that may last into eternity.

Two Bobs and a Jerry—Moon, Guerra and Farrar—did the rest of the damage to the impotent Leuzinger defenses. Moon sank 15 points and the fearless forward got 10 apiece.

Get 11 in Half
The Leuzingers scored a measly 11 points in the first half to 19 for Torrance. After outscoring their rivals 19-7 in the third period, the locals coasted to the finish line. Don Hamilton got seven markers for the losers.

The Torrance JVs were topped by Leuzinger 48-36.

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